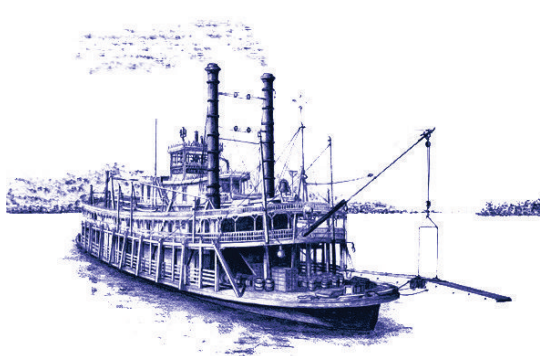




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SPORTS B3

Dupont survey shows strong desire to save school building, gym

BY BOB DEMAREE

Results of a Dupont community survey concerning the future of the Deputy Elementary School and Gymnasium confirmed an overwhelming desire to save the building.

Gonzalez LLC, the civil engineering firm hired to do the feasibility study on the buildings, released current survey results at a community meeting Thursday at the Dupont-Lancaster Township Fire Department building.

The building was abandoned by

Madison Consolidated Schools when the school board voted to close the Dupont school at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Ownership was transferred to Lancaster Township in 2014, which continues to own the building.

Four survey questions were strong indications of the community's desire to save the buildings. On the question whether to rehabilitate and repurpose the entire facility, 88.8% voted yes. On the question whether to sell the property, 92.3% voted no. Community opinion was even stronger against

demolition with 95.8% against demolishing only the classroom building and 93.8% against demolishing the entire facility.

"This shows by a large margin people want to see it saved," said Daniel Wright, senior project manager in the North Vernon office for Gonzalez LLC, who added he was impressed with the community's commitment to achieving a sustainable use for the school and gymnasium.

Last month, Gonzalez LLC released a \$560,476.40 cost estimate

for rehabilitating the buildings and since then has been surveying the community. "We have received 160 surveys back which is phenomenal for this size of community. I am very, very impressed," said Wright. "We have been really pleased with the amount of participation. When you step into these things, you want to make sure you do what the community wants, not what engineers say you ought to do."

Because of that, Wright said, "We will continue to take surveys. We are not making these decisions in

a vacuum. We are making decisions based on what the community wants to see happen."

One survey question that seemed ambiguous was whether or not to lease the building. Only 133 people who took the survey answered that question with 69 indicating yes, 55 no, and nine unsure or maybe.

Wright said that question may have been somewhat misleading. "I don't know how that was interpreted and we could have

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Candlelight Vigil



Photos By Mark Campbell

Several hundred people gathered at the historic Broadway Fountain in Madison Sunday night to hold a candlelight vigil remembering Charlie Kirk and his family as well as others who have lost their lives to gun violence. Similar events have been organized and held in other nearby communities as well as communities across the country.



Sutter announces reelection plans at Democrat dinner

Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter announced plans to file for a third term next year at Saturday's Democratic Fall Dinner.

"I want to continue the efforts my office has made for community safety since 2018. I will be running for office next year. I can't wait to go to Indianapolis in January and file to run. I look forward to being on the ballot," said Sutter.

"The question has come up, why are you running?" said Sutter, who responded by saying, "This is my home. This is where my children live. This is where they are growing up. Serving is important."

A 2005 graduate of Southwestern High School, Sutter earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Kentucky University in 2009 and received his law degree from Chase College of Law at NKU in 2012.

"I always knew I wanted to come back here after I graduated from college and law school, and I was really proud when I served in our community private practice for several years before taking over for Chad Lewis, our former prosecutor in 2018."

Sutter emphasized the importance of community safety, and the steps he has taken towards achieving that in Jefferson County.

"One of the things I am most proud about" is

what has been done to better support victims of sexual assault "When I first took



David Sutter

office, I went to a lot of schools and businesses, and talked to people, and I had some real conversations that we have some real problems that anyone who reports themselves as a victim of sexual violence, they had to drive an hour away to get an exam by a SANE nurse, and that was a problem."

Sutter said a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) was established, "and through the efforts of the SART team that my office is championing, we now have a SANE nurse here" at Norton King's Daughters' Health. "It is a big deal that victims of sexual violence now" can get the help they need in a local hospital.

Sutter said he has also sought to deal with the county's drug problem by addressing those trafficking illegal substances that includes obtaining grant funding for a drug Interdiction prosecutor, a role held by Michaelia Gilbert. "This has really helped us tackle meth distribution, fentanyl, cocaine and other substances in our community."

Gilbert spearheaded "Operation Iceberg" with multiple law enforcement agencies that led to 25 drug-

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Broadway Reunion and Street Dance returns Saturday

BY BOB DEMAREE

The tradition of the Broadway Reunion and Street Dance is back this year with Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 30 taking charge of the event to be held 4-11 p.m. Saturday on Broadway Street between Fourth and Fifth streets.

The street dance dates back to the 1960s, organized by Gloria Davis-Cosby and John Humes, while Elsie Perry-Payne organized the first Broadway Reunion in 1996 with the events now combined.

Last year, it didn't happen, and Eureka Lodge wanted to make

sure that did happen again this year. "It's such an important event to keep the history of the school alive that they took it upon themselves to organize it," said Sue Livers, who has been involved in the event in the past.

Mike Perry, worship master of the lodge, and Ray Livers, past worshipful master, are coordinating the event. "Eureka Lodge realizes the value of history, and the need to revive the dance and reunion," said Ray Livers.

The event keeps alive the memory of the Broadway School that in 1880 became the first colored school in the state of

Indiana. The school closed in 1957, and became a community center until it was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of New Year's Day 1970. The old school property is now Gaines Park, named after the Rev. S.M. Gaines, who pastored Broadway Baptist Church for more than 60 years.

Music will be provided by Power Plant band and DJ Ke. There will also be a bounce house and fun for children. The event is a free public event for anyone. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

"It's an opportunity to bring all people together," said Livers.



Bob Demaree

Ray Livers (left) and Mike Perry of the Eureka Lodge No. 30 that is leading organization of the Broadway Reunion and Dance set for 4-11 p.m. Saturday on Broadway Street between Fourth and Fifth streets.



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OBITUARIES

David Leo 'Dave' Cline

David Leo "Dave" Cline, age 83, of Deputy, IN, entered this life on Aug. 19, 1942, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late George Samuel and Mary Alice Kay Cline. He lived all of his life in Deputy, and was a 1960 graduate of Deputy High School. He was inducted into the United States Army on Nov. 18, 1963, in Scottsburg, IN. He rose to the rank of Sergeant serving in the 1-3 Rifle Platoons Company C, First Battalion (M), 151st Infantry, was transferred to the National Guard on Aug. 27, 1966, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 17, 1969. He was united in marriage on April 28, 1984, in Deputy, IN, to Bettie Lee Smith. This happy union of 35 years blessed him with two daughters, Shelly and Sheila. He worked as a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service and retired in 1997, after more than 30 years of service. He was a farmer at heart and farmed all of his life. Dave was a gifted woodworker, crafting many works of art for his family to cherish. He loved to work and tinker on his farm and enjoyed his large garden. He and Bettie enjoyed wintering in Fort Myers, FL, for 10 years. He was anxiously awaiting the birth of three more great grandchildren in the coming months. Dave died on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN.

Dave will be missed by his loving daughters, Shelly Collins Owens and her husband, Michael of Deputy, IN, Sheila Collins Sparks and her husband, Tim of Earlysville, VA; his grandchildren, Natalie Owens Garrett (Charlie), Andrew Owens, Meredith Owens Brewer (Nate), Luna Sparks (Allison), Collin Sparks (Grace), and Michael Howard; his great grandchildren, Owen Garrett, Asher Garrett, Mason Sparks, and Jaxon Sparks; his sister, Clara Jane Downs and her husband,



Ken of Knoxville, TN; his brothers, John W. Cline and his wife, Donna of Deputy, IN, J. Timothy Cline and his wife, Linda of Deputy, IN, George W. Cline of Hawaii; his sister-in-law, Martha Davis of Deputy, IN; his brother-in-law, Pat Smith and his wife, Lois of Dale, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, George Samuel "Sam" Cline, his mother, Mary Alice Kay Cline, his beloved wife of 35 years, Bettie Lee Smith Cline, died Jan. 10, 2019, his sister, Karen Sue Cline, his brother, Kenneth Earl Cline, and his great granddaughter, Clara Grace Owens.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at 11 a.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Pisgah Cemetery near Deputy, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Deputy Elementary School. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Shirley Ann Williams Ruprecht Card



Jan. 6, 1933 – Sept. 5, 2025

Shirley Ann Williams Ruprecht Card, passed away peacefully on Sept. 5, 2025, at the age of 92, with loved ones by her side. Born on Jan. 6, 1933, in Batavia, New York, she was the daughter of William H. Williams and Catherine Ann Williams.

Shirley's life was one of deep love, boundless energy, and endless stories. A graduate of the New York State Teacher's College. She was an accomplished pianist, and also played the violin and guitar. She married Alan J. Ruprecht of Batavia and together they served for 25 years in the military, rais-

ing a family while traveling the world. Though they later divorced while living in Phoenix, AZ, the memories and experiences they created left a lasting legacy. After retiring from American Express, Shirley married Russell Card of Phoenix and the two eventually settled in Indianapo-

lis, IN.

In her later years, Shirley made her home in Madison, IN, where she was an active member of Madison Assembly of God. She brought joy and humor to every gathering, known for her storytelling, sharp wit, and a knack for making people laugh. She was always on the go—even in her nineties—and never turned down a good game of Scrabble or a round of Bingo. Shirley loved to write and carefully crafted poems were her specialty.

Shirley is survived by her four children: Kathleen Ann Carmer of Madison, IN; Elizabeth Jane Moorhead of Indianapolis, IN; Alan J. Ruprecht of Sharps-

burg, MD; and Charles A. Ruprecht of Phoenix, AZ. She also leaves behind her beloved brother, Gerald Williams of Batavia, NY, 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers: Donald, William II, Robert, and Joseph.

Shirley generously donated her body to science and will be cremated. A memorial gathering to celebrate her long, healthy, and spunky life will be held in November.

Her legacy of laughter, love, and resilience, lives on in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

Dolores Evelyn 'Dodo' (Jackson) Gayle



Dolores Evelyn "Dodo" (Jackson) Gayle, age 95, of Madison, IN, and the daughter of Dallas "Dal" and Martha "Muddie" (Sampson) Jackson, was born on Aug. 17, 1930, at their home in Wirt near Madison. She was a 1948 graduate of North Madison High School. On March 30, 1949, she was united in marriage to June "Jake" Gayle and they enjoyed 56 wonderful years together until his passing.

Dodo was a licensed beautician for many years, and having owned and operated her own shop in her

Lancaster residence. In her younger years, she also had worked at the Tack Factory, the Proving Ground restaurant, and the Madison State Hospital. She was the oldest

member of Lancaster Baptist Church and the last living member of the Gayle family. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, vacationing, going to the casino, and being with family. Mrs. Gayle passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison.

Her life will be cherished by her children: Darrell W. Gayle of Deputy, IN, Penny J. Gayle-Long of Madison, and Mark E. Gayle of Deputy; several nieces, and nephews, including one niece who was like a daughter,

Margie Ann Gayle Jackson; and her sister-in-law, Nellie Richey Jackson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Donald "Donnie" Jackson; her husband, June "Jake" Gayle who passed on June 5, 2005; her son-in-law, Irvin C. Long, and her daughter-in-law, Diane Gayle.

Dodo's family chose cremation with no services. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Jerri Lynn Burns



Jerri Lynn Burns, passed from this life on Aug. 30th, 2025.

Jerri started her floral career at 17. She owned and operated Fountain of Flowers for 27 years.

Jerri married Michael Burns on July 16, 2001.

She loved her horses and riding with her friends. She raised German Shepherds and Labradors. Jerri surrounded herself with a

menagerie of different ani-

mals and shared her life with them on the ranch. She was a member of the church of the open air.

Jerri was preceded by her grandparents, Hugh and Beulah Muster,

Father, Earl Schmidt, Mother, Frances Richey, Sister, Tracy (Richey) Mack.

Jerri is survived by her sister, Ricke Paige Dudley, Brother, Duane Schmidt,

Her son, Seth Sampson, Grandson, Dalton Ryder Sampson, many nieces, and grand nephews.

Jerri will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her family, friends, clients, and so many others whose lives she touched with her care and love.

A celebration of life is planned for Oct. 25, 2025, at The Livery Stable from 3 - 7 p.m.

FUNERALS

Gust Arapios, 79, of Hanover, IN, formerly of Fort Wayne, IN, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Charles "Charlie" "Bill" William Dixon Sr., 86, of Bloomington, IN, formerly of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at Majestic Care of Bloomington. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Donald "Duane" Dye 67, of Florence, IN, and formerly of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at his daughter's residence. Cremation was chosen with no formal services. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Minnie Ruth Spillman Ehrman, 98, formerly of Pendleton, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025, in Louisville, KY. Graveside services will be conducted Friday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m., at Bedford

Cemetery, Bedford, KY. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Ella Jean McClanahan Gammons, 82, of Deputy, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Mark A. Kent, 59, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at Conservation Lake near Deputy, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Mary Geneva Morris, 100, of Carrollton, KY, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2025. There will be no services. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Samuel R. Reed, 60, of Hanover, IN, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2025, at Aperion Care of Hanover. Visitation is 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Madison, with interment to follow in Springdale Cemetery,

www.lytlewelty.com.

Ron Snyder, 86, Minster, OH, former driver for Miss Madison Racing, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, from complications after a stroke. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, Oct. 3, in New Bremen, Ohio, with details to follow.

Phillip Morris Spillman 69, of Milton, KY, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, at Signature Healthcare of Carrollton, KY. Cremation was chosen and no services will be held. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Madison, IN, www.lytlewelty.com.

Randall Moses Webb, 68, of Bedford, KY, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. A celebration of life was held Sunday, Sept. 14. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Louis Julian Wingham 93, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

WEATHER

Sunrise 7:24 a.m.
Sunset: 7:47 p.m.
Temperature: High 89, Low 61, Mean 75.0, Excess 0.6

Precipitation since last published .13
Precipitation, September 2025: 2.15
Precipitation, 2025: 43.52

Barometer 30.27, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.70 feet, Steady
Forecast Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 87/Low

59; Thursday: Sunny High 90/Low 60; Friday: Mostly sunny High 90/Low 63; Saturday: Partly cloudy High 84/Low 63.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto 7-10-15-16-17-45 (9/13). Estimated Jackpot: \$2.4 million. Next Drawing (9/17)
Cash Five: 9-18-19-28-31 (9/14)

Cash 4 Life: 8-13-14-26-38 CB: 2 (9/14)
KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 1-4-24-31 CB: 6 (9/14)
Lucky For Life: 23-33-34-38-

40 LB: 17 (9/14)
MEGAMILLIONS: 17-18-21-42-64 MB: 7 (9/12) Next Jackpot: \$400 million. Next Drawing (9/16)
POWERBALL: 28-37-42-50-53 PB: 19, PP 2 (9/13). Next

Estimated Jackpot: \$64 million. Next Drawing (9/15)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 3-6-20-34-49 PB: 12 (9/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (9/15)

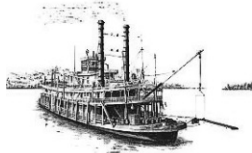
BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madison-courier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 16
David Harden
Greg Ison

Sept. 17
Victor Brown
Hannah Mahoney
Sept. 18
Mark Campbell
Sara Gullion
Shelly Anderson Hamilton
Sept. 19
Dwayne May
Jaime Toppe
Sept. 20
Martha Clancey
Sept. 21
Penny Sanchez



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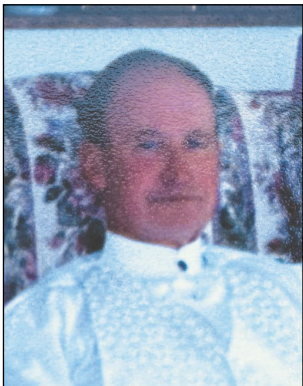
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OBITUARIES

Thomas Lee 'Tom' Brawner

Thomas Lee "Tom" Brawner, age 74, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Feb. 28, 1951, in Madison. Tom was the son of the late Walton and Vanieta Rodgers Brawner. He grew up in Jefferson County alongside two brothers, Jerry and Rick. In 1969, he graduated from Southwestern High School in Hanover, where he played high school basketball. Following high school, he pursued a career in construction, working with Foster & Prickett, and later with Gabhart Construction. On March 24, 1972, Tom was united in marriage to Sharon Kay Wilson in Madison, and this union was then blessed with one daughter, Amy Diane and one son, Michael Case. After working construction, Tom managed the Ohio Valley Paving concrete plant in Madison. In 1988, Tom took a position as a heavy equipment operator with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 181, where he worked for 25



years, retiring in 2013. Tom loved spending time hunting, fishing, and gardening, yet nothing meant more to him than the career he dedicated himself to. Tom died on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, at 9:46 a.m., at his residence in Madison.

Tom will be missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Sharon Brawner of Madison, IN; his loving daughter, Amy Diane Falkenstein (Mike Schmitz) of Jeffersonville, IN; his loving son, Michael Case Brawner of Hanover, IN; his grandchildren, Bailey Falkenstein (Shelby Abel), Kaylee Falkenstein, Ellie Falkenstein, Natha-

nial Brawner, and Sophia Brawner; his great-grandchild, Serafina Falkenstein; his sisters-in-law, Wilma Bain of Houston, TX, and Margaret "Peg" Brawner of Hanover, IN.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walton Brawner; his mother, Vanieta Rodgers Brawner; his brothers, Jerry Wayne Brawner, and Rick Allen Brawner; his half brother, Bobby Bush; his brothers-in-law, Jim Cravens and John Bain; his sisters-in-law, Catalina Cravens and Becky Brawner; his nephew, Michael Cravens.

A celebration of life will be held at the Brawner residence on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, from 1 until 4 p.m. Those wishing to attend the Celebration of Life may contact the staff of Morgan & Nay for the address.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the funeral home or online.

JoEllen Sterrett Graves

JoEllen Sterrett Graves, age 51, of Lexington, IN, entered this life on May 29, 1974, in Columbus, IN. She was the loving daughter of Clarence P. and Patricia Ann Chrysty Sterrett. JoEllen died on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at 12:13 p.m., at her daughter's home in Austin, IN.

JoEllen will be missed by her dad, Clarence P. Sterrett and his companion, Kay Robbins of Scottsburg, IN; her husband of 18 years, Jonathan "Jon" Thomas Graves of Lexington, IN; her daughter, Christina Linn Annamae Leonhardt of Austin, IN; her stepdaughters, Angie Loos and her husband, Daniel of Hanover, IN, Rebecca Lynn Graves of

TN, Emily McKeane of Scottsburg, IN; her stepson, Michael Thomas Graves and his companion, Felecia of TN; 19 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; her brother, Robert Sterrett and his wife, Venita of Lexington, IN; her sister, Kathy Simpson Clements of Austin, IN; her sister-in-law, Theresa "Terri" Whisman of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia A. "Pat" Ann Chrysty Sterrett, and her brother, Clarence Phillip Sterrett, II.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Ron Blackman at

the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel in Hanover, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

60th Canaan Fall Festival this weekend

Richard Herring
honorary mayor

BY BOB DEMAREE

Canaan Fall Festival celebrates its 60th anniversary Friday and Saturday with music, kids activities, a parade, the Pony Express and more.

"We are just so proud of the tradition of this festival and this little community we've been able to keep it alive," said Krista Lee, a member of the Canaan Events and Enrichment Foundation that organizes the festival. "We're just very appreciative that people have kept coming over the years. We're real excited about the 60th anniversary to honor what they've done in the past, and what we can expect for the future."

This year's honorary mayor is Richard Herring, who was born in his grandparents' home near Canaan, attended Canaan School from 1950-1958 and has lived in the Canaan area "off and on for 80 years."

Herring recently gave back to the community my making a donation that was used for paving the town's streets. "There are a lot people after donations, and there are some good charities, but I wanted to try to donate to the people from where I came from," he said.

A 1962 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, Herring is a veteran of the U.S. Army who served in Vietnam as a platoon leader. He will be riding in the parade that will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with floats from Rykers' Ridge Elementary and Canaan Community Academy, bands from Madison Con-

solidated and South Ripley high schools, and more.

The Pony Express, now in its 58th year, has been a part of the Canaan Fall Festival since 1967. Local riders will deliver the Pony Express stamped mail from the Canaan post office to the Madison post office. Because they will be carrying official U.S. mail, they must be sworn in, which will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday before their 14-mile trek to the post office in downtown Madison.

To have mail postmarked with the hand-stamped special pictorial cancellation, pick up Pony Express post cards for \$1 at the Canaan Post Office then return them before the run. Canaan Post Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-noon at 8988 North Canaan Main Street.

Music will be featured Friday with the band, Hank's Last Ride from 6-10 p.m., and Saturday with Tanner Keegan at 4 p.m., and the band, The Mood, from 7-10 p.m.

Cowboy Posse Productions will perform the "Conflict in Canaan" reenactment on Saturday at noon and 3 p.m., at Kremer Park.

This year's event will include more kids games on Saturday with the frog jumping contest for all ages. For ages 5-11, there will be a turtle race, wheel barrow, coins in a hay stack, water balloon toss, egg toss and more. The turtle race will use live turtles but only painted turtles are allowed. Box turtles are not allowed. For youth ages 12-18, there will be a lumberjack competition. Prizes will be awards coming from a fund totaling \$2,000.

There will be a double-elimination cornhole tournament Saturday with signups at 1:30 p.m. and competition

starting at 2 p.m. Participants should bring their own bags and their own partner.

A tractor show that Lee characterized as "field tested and farmer approved" will be held featuring "local tractors that have been farming in this area for generations, not necessarily show tractors but ones that have got the job done" over the years.

The Chief White Eye art contest is one in which participants paint what they think may be a depiction of the legendary figure from the area in the 1800s. There's an adult category and student competition. There will also be an open contest for any type of art. The art will be on display at the Masonic Lodge. Participants will have option of auctioning their art. Entries must be delivered to the Masonic Lodge on Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

There will be a baking contest for cakes, pies (cream, fruit, cobbler, custard), cookies and bread that can be turned at the Ferris Building on Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 8-10:30 a.m. Winners will be announced Saturday at 11:30 a.m. All entries must be homemade.

The festival is free with the exception of the kids area's inflatables. Wristbands are \$15 if purchased Friday and \$10 if purchased Saturday. The bouncy houses will be open from 5 p.m. to dark on Friday and after the parade until dark on Saturday.

The event will have 45 vendors with crafts, dried candy, baked good, cotton candy, face painting and much more.

On Sunday morning at 11 a.m., there will be a community church service.

POLICE REPORTS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS

Sept. 11, 2025

Candy Nicole Couch, 34, Hanover, on Jefferson County warrants for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Mario Cartelle Johnson-Hollins, 31, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Robin Renee Turner, 51, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Rayvan Danyel Mae Wells, 39, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Sept. 13, 2025

Adam Lee Artis, 48, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle with a BAC of .15, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Jessica Danielle Lewis, 34, North Vernon, Indiana, for Resisting Arrest, a Class A misdemeanor; and Public Intoxication Alcohol-Drugs and Disorderly Conduct, both Class B misdemeanors. No bond.

Sept. 14, 2025

Steven R. Leep, 71, for Resisting Law Enforcement and Criminal Recklessness, both Level 6 felonies; Operating a Vehicle While Intoxi-

cated, a Class A misdemeanor; and Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS

Sept. 10, 2025

Patrick Ian Broyles, 25, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with no credit for time served, and consecutive to balance of 245 days probation violation on prior conviction (resisting law enforcement and battery), plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Sept. 11, 2025

Tamira Camarena, 39, Jacksonville, Florida, for Unlawful Possession of a Legend Drug, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except 52 days served. Placed on supervised probation for 313 days plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Brandon Michael Youngblood, 37, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; and False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Depart-

ment of Correction on the felony, all suspended, consecutive to 120 days jail on the misdemeanor, fully executed, served. Placed on supervised probation for 365 days plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

Sept. 12, 2025

Thomas J. Chadwell, 27, Hanover, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail, served, plus \$189 court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sept. 11, 2025

Dwayne D. Schlichtkrull and Maureen Anderson (deceased) to Dwayne D. Schlichtkrull, Garrett B. Schlichtkrull and Waylon J. Schlichtkrull (1/6 interest each), 9594 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

Waylon D. Schlichtkrull to Dwayne D. Schlichtkrull (1/6 interest), 9594 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

Garrett B. Schlichtkrull to Dwayne D. Schlichtkrull (1/6 interest), 9594 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

Carolyn Smith to Bobby D. Cook, 8543 North Jake Gayle Road, Commiskey.

Steven J. Nagy and Angela M. Quinn to Carissa N. Dempler (trustee) and CND Trust. 325 Mulberry Street, Madison.

Milton-Madison Bridge Approach



Bob Demaree

Aaron Snelling, pastor of the Mount Byrd Christian Church in Milton, discusses Kentucky Transportation Cabinet proposals for the Milton-Madison Bridge approach in Kentucky with Justin Ost, Milton, (hidden from view) and Brandon Lowe, who works for QK4, the engineering firm contracted by the State of Kentucky to work on the project, at an informational meeting in Milton last Thursday.

SCHOOL

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clarified it better."

He said the intention was that "it could be leased to a non-profit that's existed or it could be a non-profit just to run the facility ... To be honest, the township doesn't have the staff or the budget to actually run the facility, so somebody is going to have to take care of that one way or another," said Wright, who stated that establishing a non-profit to manage the property might be the best way to do that.

The survey's most popular potential use was as a recreational center, 91.22% with 8.78% having no opinion, and none not wanting it. Other popular choices were recreation classes, wanted by 79.3%; and event center, wanted by 77.8% with all other respondents not wanting or having no opinion.

Also, adult education was wanted by 61.9%, day care center by 61.07%, senior center by 59.8%, branch library by 58.08%, health services by 56%, mental health services by 54.5%, veterans services by 54.2% and charter school by 54.2%.

The least popular potential use was as a storage facility that was wanted by only 9.4% and not wanted by 65.7% with the rest having no opinion. Light industrial space was wanted by 18.4% and not wanted by 49.2%. Retail space was wanted by only 32.8% and not wanted by 42.8%.

Housing also was not popular — only 27.4% wanted affordable housing and that was not wanted by 52.1%, while only 35.1% wanted senior housing which was not wanted by 37.7%.

There was some support for a restaurant (48.2% wanting), business incubation (41.1% wanting) and office space (37.5%), each had more wanting than not wanting.

"Whatever is decided, I think it has to be a combination of several things, at least two or three different things, maybe four or five different things, maybe 10 different things that have to occur in order to sustain the space. The goal of the community is be able to utilize the space but also to be able to pay for the space" in making it sustainable, Wright said.

In order to rehabilitate the buildings, grant funding will need to be sought, and Wright said having a plan to sustain the facility will be a significant factor in being awarded that funding. "If you go in and say we have this real cool building and we want to save it, well then they're going to ask 'how are you going to take care it?' They can say, 'We can give you money to fix but what happens when we come back five years from now, and it's dilapidated, and you can't afford to heat it.' So, the big is, do you have a purpose and do you have a method to pay for it?"

Wright said based on priorities of the community,

that will define the potential uses for the buildings, which will determine what utilities are going to cost, capital costs for maintenance, cleaning and all other factors in the operations of the facilities.

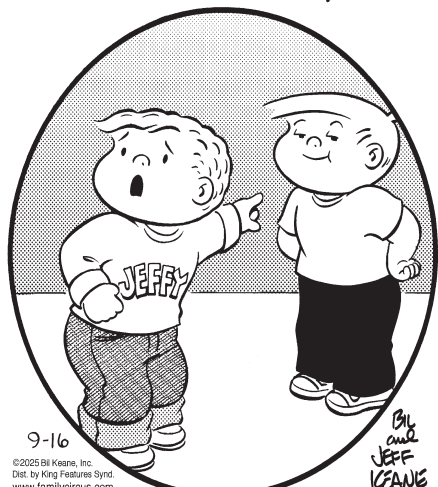
"That is the next step, finding out what that cost will be ... You've got to look at the whole big picture of what it's going to cost to sustain the building," he said.

Another meeting will be scheduled soon to work towards determining a budget for the building operations, potential funding sources for building rehabilitation and continuing to gather information. "I'm super impressed with the amount of involvement at this point," said Wright. "It makes it a lot easier for us to know what direction you want to go."

Wright noted, "Even though I am an engineer, my biggest pet peeve is that sometimes I feel like engineers have a solution and that they are out looking for a problem," but he doesn't want that to be the approach. For 13 years, the elementary school and gymnasium has been there with no sustainable use. "I feel like we've got a problem and we'll see that we can find a solution. That's what we're here to try to do. I know there is a problem that needs solved," to save the elementary school and gymnasium and utilize them. "We're going to try to find a solution to that."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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“Why does Billy always get to be the oldest?”

DENNIS THE MENACE

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“MRS. WILSON SAYS I’M HER LITTLE ANGEL, BUT MR. WILSON SAID I’M MORE LIKE THAT OTHER GUY.”

ARCTIC CIRCLE



HAVING MORE GREEN SPACES COOLS AN AREA.

IT DEPENDS ON THE GREEN SPACE.

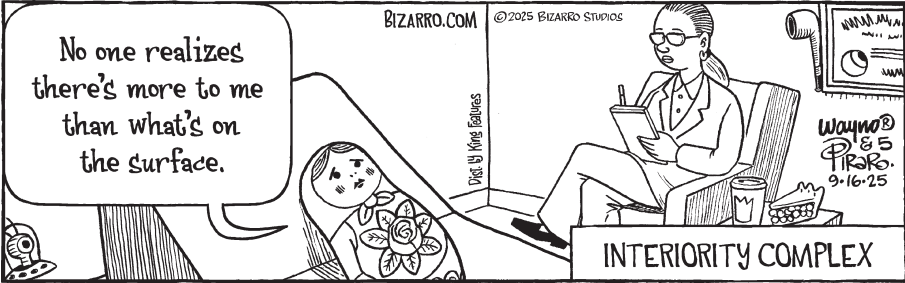
YOU MOVED YOUR LAWN BOWL!

YOU’RE A SORE LOSER.

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BIZARRO



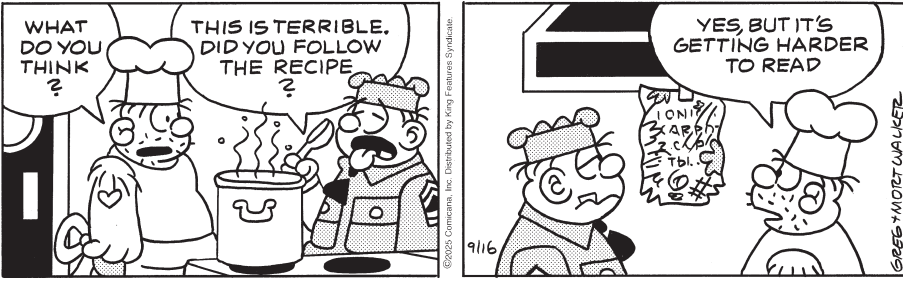
No one realizes there’s more to me than what’s on the surface.

INTERIORITY COMPLEX

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BEETLE BAILEY



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THIS IS TERRIBLE. DID YOU FOLLOW THE RECIPE?

YES, BUT IT’S GETTING HARDER TO READ

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE READER

Wow. You can throw your voice!

DO YOU HAVE THIS IN LARGE PRINT?

SIR? OVER HERE.

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BLONDIE



I CAN’T SLEEP

LISTENING TO A PODCAST MIGHT HELP YOU FALL ASLEEP

I TRIED THAT...

BUT THE ONLY PODCASTS I LISTEN TO ARE ABOUT FOOD, AND THEY’D KEEP ME UP ALL NIGHT!

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CURTIS



CURTIS WIMPINS!

OH NO! DERRICK AND ONION!

YO MAMA’S EARS ARE SO BIG SHE CAN HEAR WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYIN’ TOMORROW!

WE’LL BE WATCHIN’ YOU, PUNK

I’LL BE WATCHING ME WATCHING YOU WATCHING ME!!

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HI & LOIS



I KNOW IT’S DIFFICULT TO DOWNSIZE.

SHE WON’T GET RID OF HER STUFF!

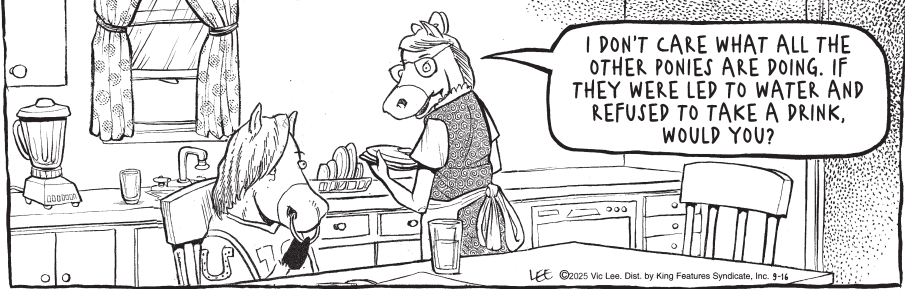
WHAT ABOUT ALL YOUR JUNK?

MORE LIKE IMPOSSIBLE.

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PARDON MY PLANET

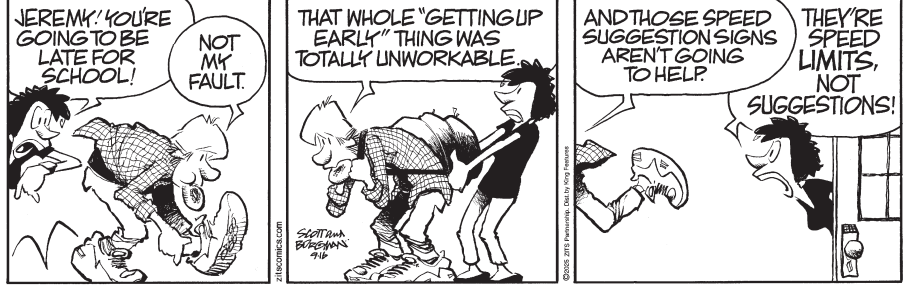


I DON’T CARE WHAT ALL THE OTHER PONIES ARE DOING. IF THEY WERE LED TO WATER AND REFUSED TO TAKE A DRINK, WOULD YOU?

LEE

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ZITS



JEREMY! YOU’RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!

NOT MY FAULT.

THAT WHOLE “GETTING UP EARLY” THING WAS TOTALLY UNWORKABLE.

AND THOSE SPEED SUGGESTION SIGNS AREN’T GOING TO HELP.

THEY’RE SPEED LIMITS, NOT SUGGESTIONS!

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DUMPLINGS



HERE IT IS! YOU’RE LOOKING AT THE GREAT-EST GIRAFFE REPORT EVER WRITTEN!

OOF - BUT NOT THE GREATEST EVER ILLUSTRATED.

THAT LOOKS LIKE A BRONTOSAURUS. GIRAFFES ARE HARD TO DRAW!

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



REMEMBER, THEY HAVE SIZE, BUT WE HAVE SPEED!

GRR

ENTERING LAND OF GIANTS

SO, WE MEET OUR MAKER QUICKER?

ENTERING LAND OF GIANTS

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SIX CHIX



I CAN’T DECIDE ON WHICH NEW HAIRSTYLE TO BUILD A NEW PERSONALITY OFF OF.

YOUR HAIR LOOKS GREAT NOW!

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



I’LL BE DARNED !! A WHISTLIN’ HOSS !!

YEP !! I’M GONNA BE RICH !!

HE’S GONNA MAKE HIS DEBUT AT CARNEGIE HALL, AND THEN WE’RE OFF TO EVERY COUNTY FAIR IN AMERICA !!

CHECK IT OUT, SNUFFY--HE’S ALREADY GOT HIS OWN FAN CLUB !!

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SALLY FORTH



HIL, THERE’S NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING A CRUSH ON A TEACHER. I HAD ONE WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.

THEN WHY ARE YOU MAKING IT SUCH A BIG DEAL?

I’M NOT, I JUST WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT IT.

FINE, BUT DO I HAVE TO MAKE DIRECT EYE CONTACT WITH YOU WHILE I TALK, I’M GONNA START RIGHT FROM THE TOP AGAIN.

NO, YOU DON’T. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR PHONE WHILE I TALK, I’M GONNA START RIGHT FROM THE TOP AGAIN.

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DUSTIN



I LOVE HIM TO PIECES, BUT DUSTIN SEEMS TO LACK DISCIPLINE...

HE OVERSLEEPS, MISSES INTERVIEWS, CAN’T HOLD A JOB FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS AND PODGES THE FEW CHORES HE’S SUPPOSED TO DO AT HOME.

SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HE’S LIVING RENT-FREE IN YOUR HEAD.

WHY WOULD MY HEAD BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM MY HOUSE?

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MUTTS



A IS FOR APPLE
B IS FOR BOAT

C IS FOR CAT
YESH!

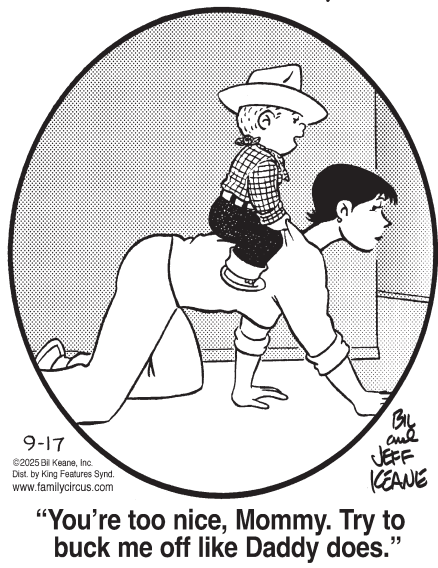
TEACH, SHISTER, TEACH!

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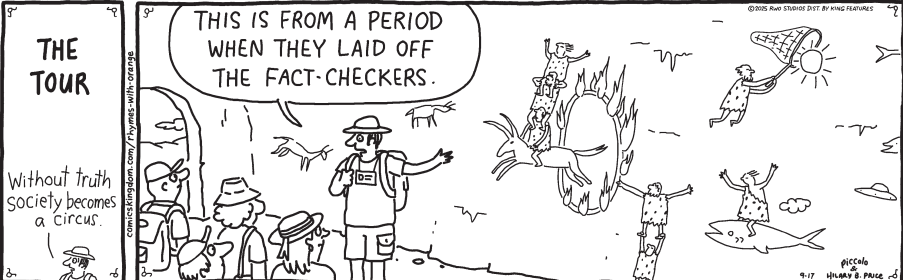
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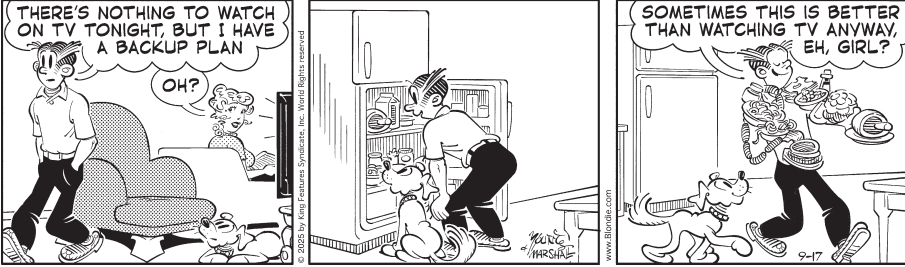
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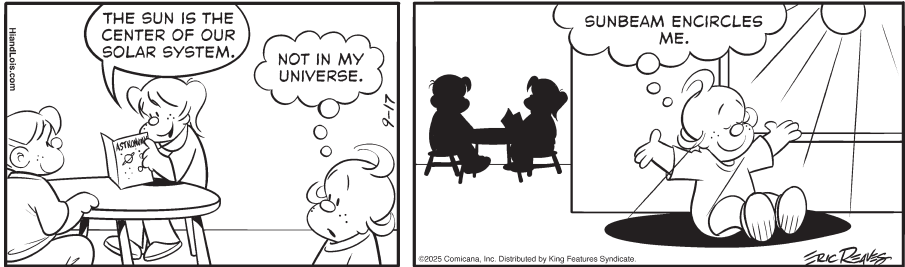
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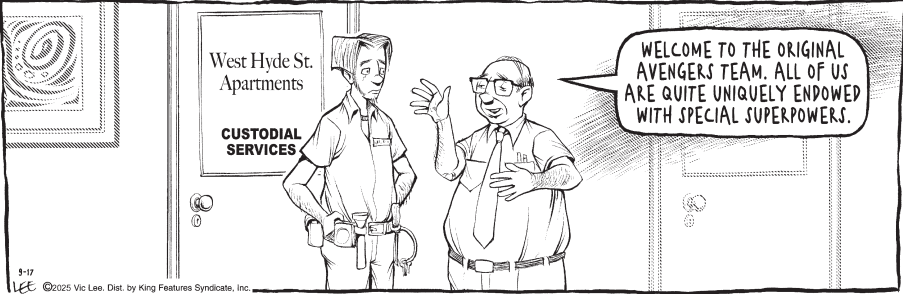
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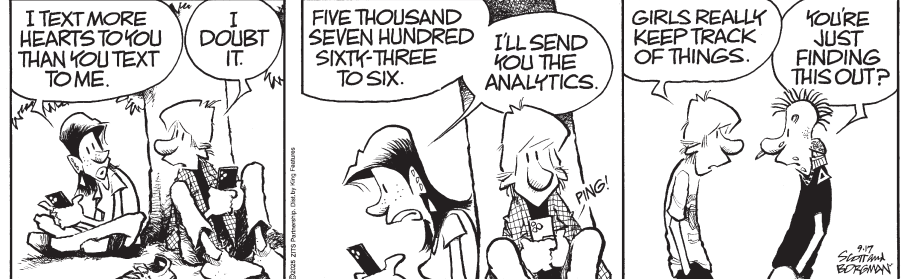
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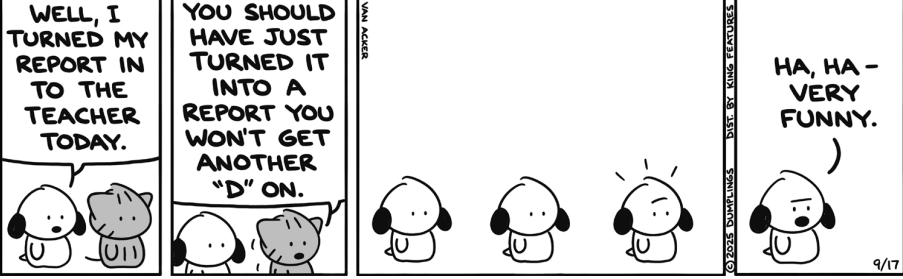
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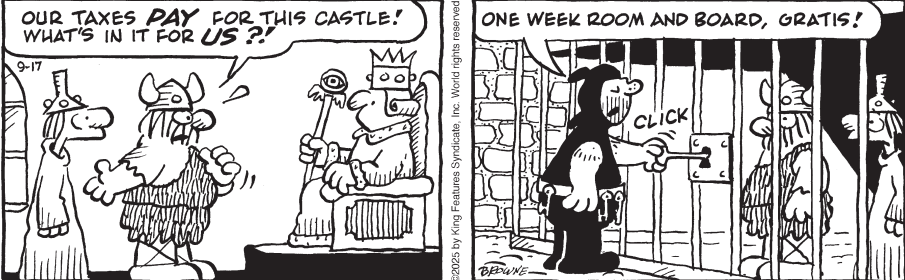
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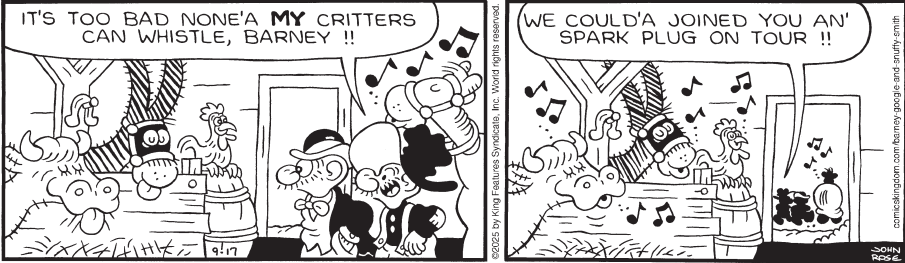
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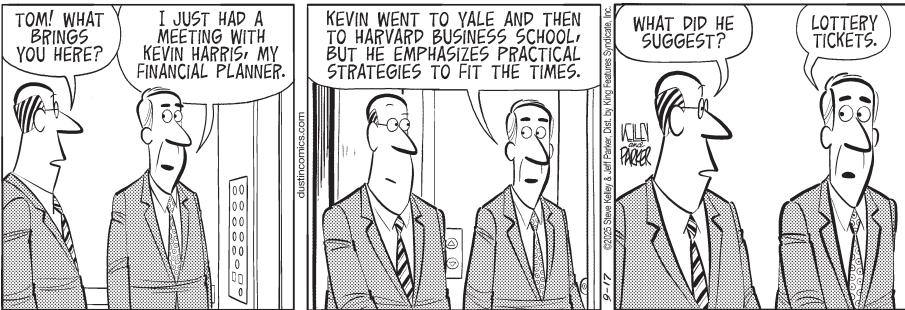
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BZA: Airbnbs can be controlled but not prevented

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison’s Board of Zoning Appeals last Monday approved conditional use permits for five more homes in Madison to be used as short-term rentals — in addition to four renewals — a situation that some claim exacerbates the city’s housing shortage and undermines the sense of neighborhood in the community.

Those seeking to rent their homes as Airbnbs — many after costly restorations of historic homes that had been allowed to fall into disrepair — say there is a market for visitors wanting

to stay in historic homes while experiencing Madison.

In fact, many of them were drawn to purchase the homes for that same reason — the opportunity to stay in Madison a few days or weeks per year while allowing others to rent other nights and weekends to help recoup the costs of refurbishing and maintaining the properties.

Other issues cited by neighbors include the lack of parking — especially with the city expected to take up more on-street parking with the current redesign of Main Street and its intersections. They also claim that homes in downtown Madison,

especially, are too close together to not know who your neighbor will be on a given week or weekend.

According to BZA Chairman Scott Baldwin, all of those issues are good reasons to closely control short-term rentals but the city’s zoning ordinance allows that use and as long as property owners and their guests do not abuse that right there’s not much the BZA can do to prevent such use.

Baldwin noted that while the BZA cannot prevent short-term rentals it can mandate restrictions on the number of guests who can stay in a rental, the number of vehicles

the guests can have as well as mandate quiet hours, prohibit loud music, partying and outdoor fires.

He also notes that while Madison has about 100 short-term rentals in the downtown historic district there has only been one complaint in the past few years.

Baldwin added that lawmakers in Indiana have adopted legislation that is very accommodating to short-term rentals so the city won’t get any help from the state to curb the trend.

“The State of Indiana has almost made a preference for Airbnbs,” Baldwin said.

He added that if the BZA

denies a conditional use application or renewal in which the property owner has met the BZA’s conditions and operated without complaints, the property owner would have the “right to appeal our decision ... and this board would probably lose as an arbitrary and capricious” decision.

“I sympathize with you but the board is constrained,” said Baldwin, adding that short-term rentals are “not unique to Madison.”

Baldwin was asked why the city even holds BZA meetings if there is no way to prevent more properties from being converted to Airbnbs.

He said the BZA’s role is to provide “some measure of control” and “set conditions to reach a compromise” that is acceptable to the community.

BZA member Nancy Burkhardt pointed out that the restrictions the BZA sets on conditional use for Airbnbs are actually more restrictive than private homeowners face. She noted there are no restrictions on the number of vehicles or the number of people who can stay in a private residence.

“We have more control over an Airbnb than a family that lives in the same home,” Burkhardt said.

24th Hispanic Cultural Awareness Day Saturday at Eggleston

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hispanic Cultural Awareness Day, a Madison tradition since 2001, will once again happen this Saturday for a 24th year on the grounds of the Eggleston Community Center, 419 East Street, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

“It’s a chance for food,

music and diversity,” said Shirley Kloepper, coordinator for La Casa Amiga. “There is a lot of diversity in the countries that speak Spanish. There are 21 countries, and even in the manner that they speak Spanish” can be different in the way they pronounce the words and the accents that are used. She

said there is even a difference in whether the food is spicy or not among the Hispanic speaking nations.

All of the Hispanics offer something different to the festival with different types of dance, food and more. Food and information booths will include representatives from Colombia, Chile, Ecuador,

Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela. There will be several assortments of food including Mexican corn, quesadillas, various kinds of tacos and tamales, and more.

The Mariachi Alegre from Louisville will perform from 6-9 p.m. with group dances also scheduled during that

time. DJ music will also be provided by Sergio Martinez. Beginning at 8:50 p.m., there will be an adult pair dance competition with winners announced at 10 p.m.

The inaugural Hispanic Awareness Day was held at the Broadway Fountain from 2001 to 2019, canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-

19 pandemic, then moved to the grounds at Eggleston in 2021.

The festival will begin with a welcome by Madison Mayor Bob Courtney with Becky Anderson singing “America the Beautiful,” a tradition that began in the first year of the festival.

Shawe Festival



Bob Demaree

Pope John students Logan Caldwell, 8, and Makazley Caldwell, 9, enjoy one of the rides at the Pope John and Shawe Community Festival last weekend.

SUTTER

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related arrests and “took pounds of these substances out of our community, and I’m really proud of these effort of keeping people accountable that bring drugs into our community.”

The dinner also included three Democrats who have launched campaigns for Ninth District Congress, all vying to run against Republican incumbent Erin Houchin in 2026 — Tim Peck, a doctor from New Washington; Logan Davidson, a public school special education teacher from Salem; and Jim Graham, an engineer and educator from Charlestown.

Also, Madison resident Wayne Kyle spoke in support of Brad Meyer, a retired civil engineer from Bloomington.

Peck said, “Right now in this moment of heated political violence, I ask us to remember how great this country is and how great it can be, and rise above this partisan divide, hold true to the Democratic ideals that we all share, but look

across the aisle and say who are the people I can work with and make progress ... We need to make steps, and that means working with others, and I promise to do that.”

Davidson said, “This isn’t a normal time” with the government. “This isn’t a matter of deregulation vs. regulation, or higher taxes vs. lower taxes. This isn’t a battle between small government and large government. This is a battle for the soul of our nation.”

Graham said his campaign is emphasizing economic issues and healthcare because there needs to be plans to help people for what they are going through in their everyday lives. He said there are families wondering “if they’ll be able to put food on their table next week. In the wealthiest nation in the history of the world, we’re wondering about people getting fed, that is ridiculous. That is unacceptable. We need to be out in the streets getting people to the polls” to vote for leaders who will respond to that.

Kyle said he believes Meyer’s knowledge of

technology makes him a good candidate. “Life is changing and there’s a lot of talk in Congress in how we can keep our government relevant technologically on point,” something Kyle believes Meyer would provide in Congress.

Bryon Holland of Austin is running for the State Senate District 43 seat currently held by Republican Randy Maxwell. “We need fresh ideas in our government,” said Holland, who stated he’s running with purpose for “restoring the constituency side of government,” and being there for the people when tough times occur. “You shouldn’t have to do it alone,” working to be sure they “are taken care of because that is what good government does.”

Blythe Potter, of Bartersville, is seeking the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State. “We need to be able to have these uncomfortable conversations about what’s actually happening in our political atmosphere. With a super majority of Republicans for decades, there’s no way Democrats can still be blamed for things.”



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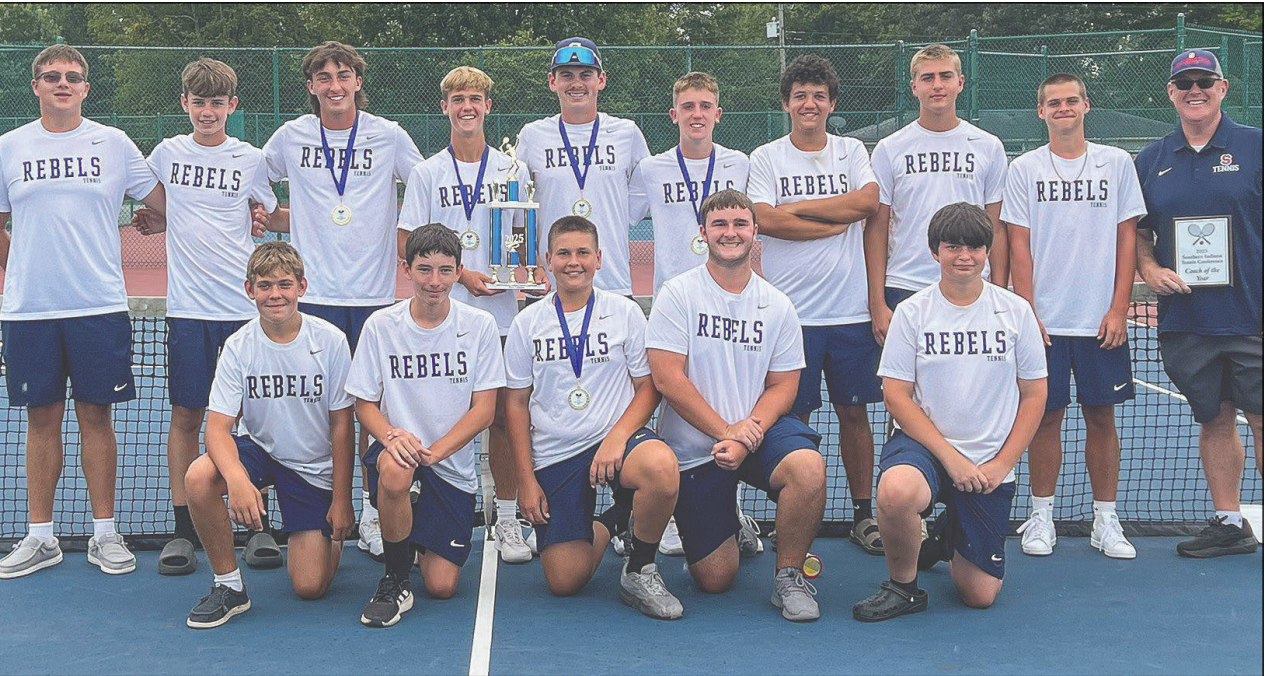
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Sports



Submitted
Southwestern's boys tennis team won the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference Tournament championship on Saturday at Hanover College. Members of the team are (from left): Front — Colton Deputy, Brady Bowman, Ryan Hall, Kobe Rogers and Jackson Wheeler, Back — Caleb Douglas, Luke Coles, Brady Cook, Braxton Lewis, Shane Hardy, Quenton Lewis, Max Joseph, Luke Morrow, Kingston Elliott and coach Jason Poteet.

Southwestern rolls to 3 wins to claim SITC title

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's unbeaten boys tennis picked up 5-0 wins over Milan and Madison and then scored a 4-1 win over Trinity Lutheran in the championship match to claim the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference tournament at Hanover College on Saturday.

Five of the seven Rebels who competed in the event earned-all-conference honors for their performances on the day. Braxton Lewis was named at No. 1 singles, Talon Wynn at No. 2 singles, Brady Cook and Colton Deputy at No. 1 doubles, and Quinton Lewis at No. 3 singles.

Madison drew a first-round bye and lost 5-0 to Southwestern in the semifinals. Braxton Lewis defeated Carson Cammack 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, Wynn beat Noah Meacham 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 singles, Quinton Lewis defeated Colin Zheng 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3, Cook and Deputy beat Brock Brandon and Ayden Liter 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles, and Max Joseph and Luke Morrow knocked Elliott Kozenski and Ivan Tome 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

In the third-place match, Madison defeated Christian Academy of Indiana 4-1. Cammack lost 6-1, 2-6 (10-6), Meacham won 6-2, 6-4, Zheng won 6-3, 6-2, Brandon and Liter won 6-3, 6-3, and Kozenski and Tome won 6-1, 6-4.

Trinity Lutheran, which had beaten Christian Academy 5-0 in the opening round, had four all-conference selections.

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David Campbell
Madison's Noah Meacham hammers a serve during the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference Tournament at Hanover College on Saturday.



File
Ron Snyder piloting a boat at a vintage exhibition at Madison in 2017.

Former Miss Madison pilot Snyder passes away

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Former Miss Madison pilot Ron Snyder died Sunday, Sept. 14, after a long illness related to complications after a stroke. He was 86.

A native of Piqua, Ohio, Snyder drove for several Unlimited race teams in his career, but he was best known as the pilot of the community-owned Miss Madison.

The Unlimited Rookie of the Year

in 1976, Snyder had three different stints with Miss Madison Racing and is the only driver to steer three different boats for the team, the 1972-vintage hull, the former Pay 'n Pak hull that the team campaigned for 10 years, and the 1988 hull, the team's first cabover boat.

Snyder had one win for the Miss Madison team, the Missouri Governor's Cup race on Lake-Of-The-Ozarks, Missouri in 1983. It was only the fourth win in team history at the time. He also won a race while driving the Miss Budweiser in 1978.

Snyder was a mainstay at the Madison Regatta, attending each race until his health deteriorated in recent years. He also was a regular at 5 to the 5 vintage exhibitions in Madison and occasionally jumped back into the cockpit to drive at that event.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, Oct. 3, in New Bremen, Ohio, with details to follow

Kelly wins season finale but Tate claims H1 championship

BY THE COURIER STAFF

J. Michael Kelly held off Andrew Tate after an exciting five-lap duel to win the H1 Unlimited Series season finale in San Diego on Sunday.

Kelly, driving the U-8 Beacon Electric, secured lane two before the start of the final and found himself in a side-by-side battle with Tate, who began in lane four aboard the U-91 Goodman Real Estate but gained overlap to slide into lane two.

The two drivers raced deck-to-deck for nearly the entire five lap heat with each trading the lead. Kelly finally got the opening he needed when Tate encountered the wake of a lapped boat, slowing his momentum just as the pair were entering the entrance of the final turn on the final lap.

That small hiccup was enough to let Kelly pull away and claim his 18th career win, tying Steve David for eighth on the sport's career win list.

Tate was forced to accept second place but the Canton, Michigan, resident had already secured his second-straight National High Points championship and third overall in his previous heat. It was the first points title for owner Bruce Ratchford, who purchased the complete inventory from Miss Madison Racing in the offseason and won three of the four races in 2025.

Jamie Nilsen ran third in the U-11 Flav-R-Pac while Dave Villwock was fourth in the U-27 Miss Apollo after his boat appeared to ingest saltwater early in the final and struggled to finish.

Tate won three of the five preliminary heats on the weekend with Kelly claiming the other two. The small five-boat field was made even smaller when Corey Peabody flipped his U-9 Beacon Plumbing before the start of the first heat on Saturday and was forced to withdraw.

The abbreviated H1 series ends with just four races contested after the event at Guntersville Lake in Alabama was canceled due to weather. Guntersville has announced that it will not stage a race next season and there are currently only three sites committed for 2026. One of those races is Madison, which will be run on July 3-5.

H1 UNLIMITED HYDROPLANE SERIES SAN DIEGO BAYFAIR
Mission Bay, San Diego
Length: 2.5 miles

RESULTS (NO SPEEDS AVAILABLE) FINAL HEAT
Sunday, Sept. 14

1. J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric;
2. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate;
3. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac;
4. Dave Villwock, U-27 Miss Apollo.

PRELIMINARY HEATS
Saturday, Sept. 13
HEAT 2

1. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate;
2. Dave Vill-

- wock, U-27 Miss Apollo;
3. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac.

HEAT 3

1. J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric;
2. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate;
3. Dave Villwock, U-27 Miss Apollo.

Sunday, Sept. 14

HEAT 1

(re-run from Saturday)

1. J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric;
2. Dave Villwock, U-27 Miss Apollo;
3. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac;
- Corey Peabody, U-9 Beacon Plumbing, DSQ.

HEAT 4

1. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate;
2. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac;
- J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric, DNS.

HEAT 5

1. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate;
2. J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric;
3. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac;
4. Dave Villwock, U-27 Miss Apollo*.

*-penalized one minute for encroachment.

FINAL QUALIFYING RESULTS

1. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate, 163.666 mph;
2. Dave Villwock, U-27 Miss Apollo, 161.783;
3. Corey Peabody, U-9 Beacon Plumbing, 160.702;
4. J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric, 159.591;
5. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac, 148.233.

FINAL SEASON POINTS

1. Andrew Tate, U-91 Goodman Real Estate, 5,975 points;
2. J. Michael Kelly, U-8 Beacon Electric, 5,436;
3. Dave Villwock, U-27 Miss Apollo, 4,597;
4. Jamie Nilsen, U-11 Flav-R-Pac, 4,527;
5. Corey Peabody, U-9 Beacon Plumbing, 3,484;
6. Gunnar O'Farrell, U-21 Spirit of America, 1,738;
7. Jeff Bernard, U-12 Graham Trucking, 1,590;
8. Brandon Kennedy, U-6 Miss Madison, 225.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16
CROSS COUNTRY

Shawe, Switzerland Co. at Milan, 5 p.m.

GOLF

Madison girls host Southwestern, Switzerland Co., 4:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys and girls host Gallatin Co., 5 p.m.

SOCCER

Switzerland Co. girls at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.
Shawe girls at Trinity Lutheran, 6 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Charlestown, 6 p.m.
Hanover women at DePauw, 7 p.m.
Madison boys host Batesville, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern boys at Greensburg, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison girls host Scottsburg, 6:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Trimble Co., 7 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Milan, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17
GOLF

Southwestern girls host Clarksville, Scottsburg, 4:30 p.m.
Madison girls host Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.

SOCCER

Southwestern boys at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Shawe boys at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Western Hills, 6 p.m.
Hanover men at Asbury (Ky.), 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison boys at Charlestown, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover hosts Wilmington (Ohio), 7 p.m.
Shawe girls host Clarksville, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Austin, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18
SOCCER

Southwestern girls host Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Oldenburg, 5:30 p.m.
Madison boys host Seymour, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carroll Co. girls host Gallatin Co., 7 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Shawe, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Jac-Cen-Del, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
CROSS COUNTRY

Hanover at Olivet Nazarene (Ill.), 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Madison at Jennings Co., 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts North Decatur, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Anderson Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

SOCCER

Hanover men host Wabash, 4 p.m.
Southwestern boys host Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Ohio Wesleyan, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison, Southwestern boys, Scottsburg Invite, 5 p.m.

Pacers make history, spoil Milan's homecoming with first-ever win over Indians

MILAN — The Switzerland County Pacers didn't just make history Friday night — they did it in the most dramatic way possible, storming into Milan and knocking off the Indians on their homecoming, 21-14.

Milan has long stood as a roadblock the Pacers could never quite get around. But under the bright lights in Ripley County, Switzerland County finally broke through, celebrating its first-ever victory over the storied Milan football program.

The Pacers (4-0, 1-0 Mid-Indiana) came out with fire, striking first when senior running back Keaton Mosley darted into the end zone from seven yards out, in the middle of the first

quarter. Freshman, Lane Turner's extra point put Switzerland up 7-0, and the visiting stands erupted with cheers.

The Pacers' defense held strong on the next possession forcing the Indians to punt which pinned Switzerland County on its own 2-yard line. Milan then answered the Pacers' opening drive score by blocking the ensuing punt into the end zone for a touchdown to tie the game 7-7 and then gave the homecoming crowd hope for another familiar script heading into halftime still knotted 7-7.

The Indians (1-3, 0-2 MIFC) grabbed the lead quickly in the third quarter on an 11-yard run, but the Pacers wouldn't be denied. With the clock

winding down in the fourth quarter, junior running back Kolvin Beck silenced the Milan crowd with an electrifying 83-yard touchdown run. Suddenly, the game was tied, and the orange-and-blue faithful in the visitor's bleachers could feel a momentum shift.

Minutes later, after the Pacers got the ball back, Matthew Young provided the dagger. Taking a handoff at midfield, the junior burst through a hole and sprinted 57 yards for the go-ahead score. Turner's third extra point of the game made it 21-14, and the visitors' sideline went wild.

The Swiss defense the slammed the door shut from there, knocking

down a final Hail Mary pass from midfield to seal the win and send Switzerland players leaping victoriously as the final horn sounded.

The Pacers pounded out 313 rushing yards on the night, led by Beck's 146-yard performance and Young's 106. Mosley added a touchdown on the ground. Meanwhile, the defense held Milan to just 117 rushing yards.

When the team gathered in front of its fans, coaches, and cheerleaders, there were a few tears, lots hugs, and a chorus of cheers to celebrate what is viewed as a turning point in the young Pacers' program's history.

"This one means everything," Switzerland head coach Ryan Jesop

said afterward. "To finally beat Milan, and to do it on their field, on their homecoming — our kids will carry this memory forever. It's a night this community won't forget."

It was more than just a football win. It was a milestone moment for a program still building its identity and proof the Pacers are making their own history — even when the odds and the crowd are stacked against them.

Unbeaten Switzerland County will host fellow unbeaten and Class A No. 1 North Decatur on Friday. The Chargers, 4-0, 3-0 Mid-Indiana, own a 21-20 win over Milan on Sept. 5 in Greensburg.

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP



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Madison's Henry Schmidt celebrates after scoring a first-half goal in the Cubs' match with South Dearborn on Thursday.

Madison picks up wins over South Dearborn, North Harrison

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys soccer scored wins over South Dearborn and North Harrison late last week.

On Thursday, Madison knocked off South Dearborn 1-0 in a tight game. Henry Schmidt scored the winning goal in the 25th minute and the Cubs' defense held on from there.

On Saturday, Madison rolled to an 8-1 win over North Harrison at home. No results were available.

Madison, now 5-1-1 on the season, hosts Batesville on Tuesday and Seymour on Thursday. The Cubs then host Corydon on Saturday.

before playing in the Scottsburg Invitational on Saturday.

CARROLL BEATS CALVARY

Carroll County's boys hammered Calvary Christian 6-1 at home on Thursday.

Gamaliel Maldonado scored four goals and had an assist for the Panthers. J.T. Davis had a goal and an assist, Dani Martinez had a goal and Kyan Johnson and Cristian Torres each had an assist. Chris Perez had 12 saves in goal.

Carroll, now 8-2 on the season, hosted Gallatin County on Monday and next hosts Shelby County on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

PACERS KNOCK OFF JCD

Switzerland County's boys claimed their first win in seven matches 7-0 at Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday.

The Pacers, now 6-4-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Milan on Monday, travels to South Ripley on Wednesday and hosts South Ripley on Saturday.

Trimble breaks losing streak with win over Gallatin County

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County halted its 19-game losing streak with a 20-7 win over Gallatin County on Saturday in a game played at Owen County.

Trimble had not won a game since a 24-6 win over Iroquois on Sept. 22, 2023. The Raiders lost the final five games of the 2023 season, all 11 games last

year and the first three games this season.

Running back Silas Sandusky had 140 yards rushing and two touchdowns to lead the Raiders. Nolan Hunt recovered a fumble for a touchdown and had 11 tackles and a sack. Case Keeton added seven tackles.

Trimble, now 1-3 on the season, travels to Eminence on Friday.

Madison stumbles in 2nd half for 28-7 loss to Connersville

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Madison's second-half woes reared their head once again as Connersville blew open the game late to ruin the Cubs' home opener, 28-7 on Friday at Cub Field.

Madison has been either tied or within one score at the half in three of its four losses this season only to see the opposition take control in the second half to pull away for the win.

On Friday, Connersville scored just before the half to take a 14-7 lead into the break, then added two touchdowns early in the third quarter to blow open the game.

For Madison coach Charles Benintende, it was the same story of a young team learning to compete.

"I'm not going to make excuses and talk about how young we are, but it's like something bad happens and we start to panic," Benintende said. "We're still looking for that senior leadership that we are missing, that guy to take over and put the guys in the right position. But we're getting there."

Madison (0-4) had its chances to score in the first half and even led 7-0 — the Cubs' first lead of the season — but mistakes killed its momentum.

An interception by Grayson Hughes near the goal-line stopped Connersville's first possession and Madison used that play to drive nearly the



David Campbell

Madison's Joseph Stanley (left) is pulled down by Connersville's Brayden Keller during the Spartans' win Friday at Madison.

length of the field and scored on a 31-yard pass from quarterback Matt McCarty to Kayden McKay. McCarty added the extra point and the Cubs led 7-0.

Connersville (3-1) answered right away, scoring on an 8-yard run by Brayden Keller to tie the score early in the second quarter then came up with what may have been the play of the game, stopping the Cubs on fourth and goal from the 1-yard line to steal the momentum. The Spartans then rolled down the field and scored on a Parker Flanigan 4-yard run to lead 14-7 at the half.

Connersville then landed the knockout blow early in the

second half on a pair of touchdowns by Flanigan. The junior scored on a 28-yard touchdown run to put the Spartans up 21-7, then returned a punt 56 yards for the 28-7 score.

Connersville did nearly all of its damage on the ground, rushing for 275 yards on 32 attempts. Keller racked up 198 yards on 17 carries while Flanigan had 75 yards on 11 attempts and caught three passes for 106 yards.

Madison actually had success on offense, gaining 229 total yards but managed only the one score. McCarty completed 10-of-21 passes for 136 yards with McKay catching three

passes for 57 yards and Michel Joseph getting three balls for 52 yards. Running back Joseph Stanley had 71 yards on 15 attempts.

"We're moving the ball and we're seeing good things, but we just can't get over that hump," Benintende said. "But we'll keep working and get back to it."

Madison heads back on the road next week when it travels to Jennings County for the annual Battle of the Railroad contest. Connersville heads to Rushville next week for its fifth-straight road game to start the season.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers battle Butler in close loss, 16-7

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover got on the board first but Butler had the final word in a 16-7 Bulldogs football win at Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

The Panthers' Cole Shively recovered a fumble and Hanover turned that into a 27-yard touchdown pass from Eian Roudebush to Curbrian Shelby and Madison's Clint Hearne added the extra point for a 7-0 lead three minutes into the game.

But Hanover couldn't get anything else going and Butler, a FCS school, got a field goal late in the first quarter, added a touchdown in the second quarter and got a kickoff return for a score in the third.

Roudebush was 17-for-26 passing for 109 yards and a touchdown. Don Dunning had 60 yards rushing and Shelby caught three passes for 59 yards.

Hanover, now 0-2 on the season, travels to Alma (Mich.) on Saturday.



David Campbell

Hanover's Curbrian Shelby (8) hauls in a touchdown pass over Butler University's Mason Armstrong (2) during Butler's win on Saturday at Hanover.

VOLLEYBALL WINS 3 MATCHES

Hanover picked up three wins in its own Hanover Invitational over the weekend.

On Friday, Hanover lost to Albion 3-2 (25-19, 11-25, 25-22, 18-25, 15-10).

Abbey McCoy had 14 kills and five blocks for Hanover, Madison Schicker had 25 digs and Megan Vogel had 22 assists.

The Panthers then beat Blackburn

3-0 (25-13, 25-18, 25-11). Maddie Robertson had 11 kills and three blocks, McCoy had 21 digs and Brooke Gervers had 19 assists.

On Saturday, Hanover beat Trine 3-0 (25-21, 25-3, 18-25, 25-12). Elliot Mays had 12 kills, Schicker had 29 digs, Robertson had three blocks and Gervers had 15 assists.

Hanover wrapped up the tourney with a 3-2 win over Otterbein, 22-25, 23-25, 25-23, 27-25, 15-7. McCoy had 14 kills, Schicker had 35 digs, Robertson had four blocks and Vogel had 22 assists.

Hanover, now 7-4 on the season, hosts Wilmington Wednesday and heads to DePauw on Saturday.

RUNNERS HOST INVITE

Hanover cross county opened its season with the Hanover Invitational on Saturday.

Franklin won the men's race with 31 points and Hanover finished third with 77 points.

Results for Hanover were: Conner Watson, sixth, 20:35.01; Colin Kistler, ninth, 20:40.70; Oxiel Castro Badillo, 15th, 21:07.70; Jacob Miller, 24th, 21:36.59; Charlie Stuelpe, 28th, 21:58.46;

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Madison draws Providence 1-1 in battle of ranked teams

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison scored two goals in the second half to pull out a 2-2 draw at Class A No. 4 Providence on Thursday in a battle of ranked girls soccer teams.

Madison, ranked 16th in Class 2A, trailed 2-0 at the half but picked up a pair of goals from freshman Tessa Renfrow to gain the draw.

Freshman Maggie Stivers had an assist.

Madison then blasted North Harrison 11-0 at home on Saturday. No details on that game were available.

Madison, now 10-2-1 on the season, hosts Corydon on Saturday.

PACERS KNOCK OFF RIPLEY
Class A No. 7 Switzerland County rolled to 13-0 win over South Ripley

in girls soccer on Thursday.

Emma Parsons had three goals for the Pacers, Emma South had two, and scoring one each were Lauren Smith, Adalyn Archer, Taylor Kappes, Ashlyn Jesop, Lainie McAlister, Madison Hannan, Addi Deck and Maisley Bunger. McAlister had four assists, Mya Cutter had two, and Parsons, Smith, Hannan and Deck had one each.

Switzerland County, now 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Milan on Monday, travels to Rising Sun on Tuesday, and hosts Class A No. 1 Oldenburg on Thursday.

REBELS TIE SCOTTSBURG
Southwestern finished in a 1-1 tie at Scottsburg on Thursday. Despite playing with just 10 players, the Rebels battled back from a 1-

0 deficit to get the equalizer from Amelia Sloan on a free kick from Harlee Turner. Madi Dixon and Julia Pelsor played well on defense and Aubrey O'Dell did a stellar job in her first goalie outing.

Southwestern, now 2-5-1 on the season, travels to Charlestown on Tuesday and hosts Rising Sun on Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP: Southwestern picks up ORVC win over Jac-Cen-Del

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern volleyball gutted out a five-set win at Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday, winning 25-19, 25-12, 16-25, 19-25, 15-13.

Rorie Scroggins had 18 kills and six blocks for the Rebels, Jenna Owens had 11 kills, 14 digs and five aces, Hadlie Buchanan had 17 kills and nine kills, Jocelyn Johnson had 15 digs, Hillarie Buchanan had 11 digs, 31 assists and three aces.

Southwestern competed in the Eastern (Pekin) Tournament on Saturday, losing four matches.

The Rebels lost 2-1 (25-21, 12-25, 15-5) to Corydon in the first match. Scroggins had 10 kills, Owens had five kills, Olivia Johnson had four aces, Hadlie Buchanan had 10 digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 17 assists and seven digs.

Southwestern lost 2-0 (25-7, 25-8) to Christian Academy of Indiana. Scroggins had three kills, Owens had five digs, Jocelyn Johnson had five digs and Hillarie Buchanan had three assists.

Southwestern then lost 2-1 (20-25, 25-22, 15-9) to Tell City. Scroggins had 12 kills, Jocelyn Johnson had 16 digs, Owens had five kills and 10 digs, Kaylee Hite had nine digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 20 assists and nine digs.

The Rebels then lost 2-0 (25-17, 25-17) to Evansville Christian. Scroggins had 12 kills, Owens had 10 digs, Olivia Johnson had seven digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 16 assists.

Southwestern, now 7-8 on the season, hosts Milan on Tuesday and hosts Shawe on Thursday. The Rebels travel to Brown County on Saturday.

MADISON SPLITS AT EASTERN

Madison split a pair of

matches at Eastern (Pekin) on Saturday.

The Cubs lost the opener 3-1 (25-14, 21-25, 27-25, 25-17) to host Eastern. Audrey Miller had four aces for Madison.

Madison then beat Springs Valley in five sets (16-25, 25-23, 21-25, 25-23, 15-11). No stats for Madison were available.

Madison, now 11-5 on the season, traveled to Trinity Lutheran on Monday, hosts Scottsburg on Tuesday and hosts Rock Creek on Saturday.

TRIMBLE HAS BUSY WEEK

Trimble County played five matches late last week.

On Thursday, the Raiders defeated Gallatin County 3-1 (25-11, 25-22, 24-26, 25-19). Emery Pierce had 13 kills, seven aces and five digs, Ainslie Stark and Kendra Mahoney each had five kills, Emma Heaton had 13 assists and Anna Brierly had 18 digs.

Trimble then competed in the Capital City Classic in Frankfort over the weekend. The Raiders beat Frankfort 2-0 (25-15, 27-26) and lost to Bowling Green 2-0 (25-8, 25-11), Campbellsville 2-0 (25-22, 25-17) and Boyd County 2-0 (25-10, 25-17). No stats were available.

Trimble, now 8-8 overall and 4-2-3-1st District, travels to Carroll County on Tuesday and hosts Henry County on Thursday.

CAM BEATS SHAWE

Christian Academy of Madison scored a 3-0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-18) win over Shawe on Friday.

No stats were available.

Shawe, now 0-5, traveled to Lanesville on Monday, hosts Clarksville on Wednesday and heads to Southwestern on Thursday.

Nussbaum leads Lady Rebels to win at Jac-Cen-Del

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern girls cross country continued its outstanding season with a dominating win in the Jac-Cen-Del Invitational on Saturday.

Led by sophomore Savannah Nussbaum's first-place finish, the Lady Rebels scored 28 points to win the six-team event. Charlestown was second with 52 points and Switzerland County ran third with 74. Shawe did not field a complete team.

Nussbaum beat teammate Tori Gammons to win the race in 18:50.20 while Gammons was second in 19:26.56. Sophie Ford placed fifth in 20:28.76, Mikayla Nussbaum was 10th in 20:53.93 and Chloe Sprayberry was 14th in 21:41.30 to round out the scoring.

Other finishes for the Southwestern were: Kaylynn Warren, 23rd, 22:59.77; Riley Zellers, 25th, 23:14.54; Sarah Schneider, 28th, 23:32.06; Haylee Crawford, 44th, 25:15.30; and Mallory Johnson was 49th in 26:24.93.

Finishes for Switzerland County were: Claire Boggs, fourth, 20:00.56; Kaykynn Schaefer, ninth, 20:39.76; Taylor Kappes, 12th, 21:22.70; Jazmyn Blevins, 20th, 22:27.98; Miley Stroud, 57th, 27:55.65; and Lilly Westmeier, 65th, 29:14.92.

Finishes for Shawe were: Margaret Stanley, 67th, 29:31.02; and Esperanza Garcia, 74th, 36:45.89.

Hagerstown won the boys race with 73 points and Crothersville was second with 89. Switzerland County was sixth with 118 points, Shawe placed eighth with 188 points and Southwestern did not field



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Southwestern' girls cross country team won the Jac-Cen-Del Invitational on Saturday. Members of the team are (from left): Front — Mikayla Nussbaum, Tori Gammons, Savannah Nussbaum, Sophie Ford and Sarah Schneider. Back — Kaylynn Warren, Chloe Sprayberry, Haylee Crawford, Mallory Johnson and Riley Zellers.

a complete team.

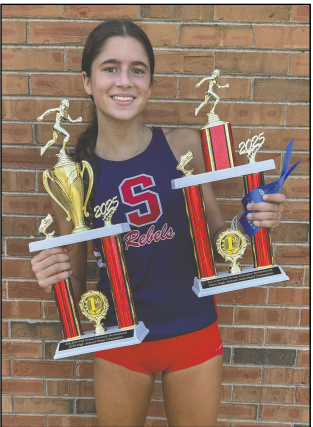
Results for Switzerland County were: Luke Sullivan, seventh, 17:02.65; Landon Gross, 11th, 17:11.99; Cale Collier, 18th, 17:35.29; Michael Gross, 45th, 19:06.71; Gavin Rich, 49th, 19:14.17; Aillan Hartley, 69th, 21:34.15; Harlowe Haines, 81st, 24:49.92; and Seth Burke, 83rd, 25:34.56.

Results for Shawe were: Cavaan Hambrick, fifth, 16:46.49; Cohenn Hambrick, 26th, 18:05.70; Victor Pacheco, 60th, 20:04.47; Keegan McMahan, 64th,

20:29.67; and Luke Gardner, 82nd, 25:16.21.

Results for Southwestern were: Thomas Gammons, 54th, 19:35.39; Robert De Paz Gonzalez, 84th, 25:37.14; Caleb Douglas, 88th, 29:14.10; and Jonah Stroud, 89th, 29:47.61.

Shawe and Switzerland County both run at Milan on Tuesday and Shawe competes in the Shelbyville Invitational on Saturday. Southwestern runs in the South Dearborn Invitational on Saturday.



Submitted

Southwestern sophomore Savannah Nussbaum won the Jac-Cen-Del Invitational on Saturday.

Madison golfers drop close match

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's girls lost a close match to Seymour in a three-way meet at Sunrise Golf Course on Thursday.

Seymour shot a 195 to Madison's 200. Jennings County was third with a 226.

"It just wasn't our night to night, overall. Emmi (Dowell) was medalist, but even she had a bad bounce here and a bad bounce there that kind of stopped her from posting a really good score," Madison coach Jake Shockley said. "I don't know if it was because we were playing on the tail end of back-to-back-back or what, but there was just a lot of inconsistent play out there."

Dowell was the medalist with a 41, Claire Miller had a 45, Emma Shockley had a 56, Tera Scharlau had a 58 and Izzie Perry had a 63.

In junior varsity rounds, Emily Garcia and Savannah Petro each had 60s, Lilly Clark had a 62, Marlee Thompson had a 67 and Olivia Miller had a 70.

"Emmi was nice and controlled and better

than her score would indicate tonight. I like where her game is at. I never want to count chickens before they're hatched, but she's looking pretty good for the postseason," Jake Shockley said. "Claire was also a bright spot and might be starting to really figure some things out. Coach Amanda (Detmer-Leary) and I think her talent is sky is the limit.

"There were just too many small errors. A stroke here or there, and we're talking about a win. I like to say that you learn more from failure, though, so we'll see. Otherwise, we're going to reset over the weekend, remember the positives from the week, and shore up some things."

Madison hosts Southwestern and Switzerland County on Tuesday and hosts Lawrenceburg on Wednesday. The Cubs then play in the IHSAA Sectional at Sunrise Golf Course on Saturday.

SOUTHWESTERN

FROM PAGE B1

Jonathan Naewedde earned the honor at No. 2 singles, Daniel Naewedde at No. 3 singles, Reed Roeder and Luke Shepman at No. 1 doubles and Ross Bevers and Zach Lister at No. 2 doubles.

Christian Academy defeated Milan 5-0 in the other semifinal. Nate Hirschy was named all-conference for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Southwestern defeated Madison 3-2 in a dual meet at Madison.

Wynn and Quinton Lewis won at singles for Southwestern and Cook and Deputy won at doubles. Cammack won at No. 1 singles for Madison and Tome and Kozenski won in doubles.

Southwestern, now 12-0 on the season, hosted Henryville on Monday and heads to Greensburg



David Campbell

Southwestern senior Braxton Lewis returns a shot during the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference Tournament at Hanover College on Saturday.

on Tuesday while Madison travels to Charlestown on Wednesday. Both teams compete in the Scottsburg Invitational on Friday.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

SEPT. 16
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Home can be where the heart is, but a partner could swing between being supportive and being extra-intense now. Making a deeper commitment to something could be up for consideration. Teach what you've learned.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Communicate from a place of balance and wisdom. You could feel awash with new ambitions and plans to succeed. If a friend can't step up now, they may have their own issues to deal with. Strategic thinking can overcome worry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You arrive in a burst of light but your intensity might be blinding to someone easily threatened. Helping others could be more difficult and complicated than it should be. Get your finances or budget organized.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) A stay-cation may be all that's attainable now but the ability to do more could open up soon. If you are dating, the prospects could look like those bottom-of-the-ocean fish now. Committed partners are better supported by today's stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you can find a common goal you might build more cooperation on the home front. Tap into the healing power of art or music to improve your mood or someone else's. A conversation about finances may not be possible today.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Share your thoughts but keep motives clean. Attempts at manipulation won't [and shouldn't] fly well now. A partner may be struggling, be patient if they can't give much for a while. Let a friend offer solace.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Financial matters are best left undisturbed unless something is urgent, there isn't much clarity now. You might have just the idea or advice someone desperately needs to make a big change. Work out active energies at the gym or on a hike.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your magnetic appeal needle could be pegged but you may feel frustrated if you're eager to be seen for other talents. Just a small donation could make a big difference, share what you can. Use a subtle touch in the workplace.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be a friend or an ally now or hold a door — people may want to lean on you a bit. Truth is, you hold a special healing touch. If debating between infusing hope or despair into others, choose hope.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be the solid one others can rely on and the good energy is always returned to you by the Universe through one set of hands or another. Let someone's worries or concerns find a safe harbor in your gentle energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A frenemy could try a shot across your bow but will likely be quickly shut down in the face of your confidence. Gentle healing could be needed or offered by a loyal compatriot. Tread carefully in the workplace.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) New ideas might not be healthy or wholesome, investigate before you commit to anything. If you are dating you could meet nice people at the very least. Try to soften your approach today.

Sudoku solution

4	9	4	1	6	2	8	7	3	5	9	8
6	8	3	5	9	6	8	8	7	4	2	1
8	1	7	2	4	9	5	3	6	1	3	6
1	1	7	3	6	2	5	4	8	9	5	1
5	9	4	7	8	1	6	2	3	5	9	8
6	2	8	9	3	4	7	1	5	1	5	2
7	8	1	4	4	1	6	8	9	2	5	2
2	5	9	6	8	8	3	6	4	6	4	2
3	4	6	9	5	2	6	9	5	4	4	3

Jumble solution

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She'd picked up the book about the history of

Sleuth solution

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here:

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

UGLY WORDS

Y S P M J H E B R E T S E F Y
V T Q O L I G D B Y N Z H W T
R P M K I F D R B Y O W T U S
G R I S T L E S Q O E O A M K
I F G O B B L E D Y G O O K D
B Z X W B I U I S M D Q L O N
L J H O T F R D O C U A Y W V
T S L H Q T P I N Y M M A L C
L S E E U Q S E T O R G K I H
F R E P C T N A N G U P E R B
E M I L S G E R D I C N A R Z

Monday's unlisted clue: WINDOWS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Clammy	Gobbledygook	Moist	Repugnant
Curmudgeon	Gristle	Ooze	Slither
Dregs	Grotesque	Putrid	Slobber
Fester	Loathe	Rancid	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 Scent
5 "He/— (pronoun pairing)
8 Taxi alternative
12 Low horn
13 Solid-rock insert
14 Sleuth Wolfe
15 Knightly conduct
17 Anthropologist Wyatt
18 Outer (Pref.)
19 Well-springs
21 Alan Ladd western
24 Landed
25 "— in Boots"
26 Santiago natives
30 Ballpark fig.
31 Plum relatives
32 Luau necklace
33 Passageways for Santa
35 Optimum
36 Broadcasts
- 37 Sanctify
38 Shrimp recipe
41 Dynamic —
42 Egg
43 Garbanzo bean
48 Turkish money
49 MSN alter-native
50 Lawman Wyatt
51 Use a vintage phone
52 Online guffaw
53 Thick chunk
- DOWN
1 Like aspirin, briefly
2 "Gee, ya think?"
3 Japanese sash
4 Black birds
5 Over-head light?
6 Leb. neighbor
7 Short-lived insects
8 Remove from silent mode
9 Existed
10 Part of Q.E.D.
11 Scepters
16 Chopper
20 Fixes squeaks
21 Detail, in short
22 "Pipe down!"
23 Sparkling Italian wine
24 Greetings at sea
26 Like some office work
27 Out of the storm
28 Lawman Eliot
29 Poses
31 Use scissors
34 Bull or bear
35 Chaps
37 Tampa Bay NFLer
38 Auctioneer's cry
39 107, to Cato
40 Atmosphere
41 Pickling herb
44 "Yoo—!"
45 Bud
46 Notable time
47 LAPD alert

Solution time: 22 mins.

8	7	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4
4	8	1	1	7	1	4

Today's solution

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48						49			50			
51						52			53			

HOROSCOPE

SEPT. 17
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Play hard but work hard too. If you're dating, you might need to lay down a boundary. Self-care is an individual thing but can make the crucial difference in keeping your batteries charged and all systems go.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your home world may not be a quiet place today, some intensity over something could crop up, but don't discount the power of gentle persuasion. Teach what you know and let life continue to offer learning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Moderate your communications to keep them appropriate and on point. Subtlety will likely be more effective than forcefulness. Keep faith in yourself and your goals even if the world isn't giving you what you want quite yet.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your money mood might bounce from confidence to hopelessness but the right planets are in the right places to eventually bring improvements. A fresh new approach in your career could get you into the right room at last.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An emotional trigger could arise, find a little quiet time to restore your equilibrium. The light you could be trying to shine on a financial matter might feel like it's getting sucked into a black hole of misunderstanding.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Inner demons could rattle their chains a bit but high reactivity should pass by in a few hours. A friend might offer more sanctuary than a partner today. Few financial resources are on their way; your own efforts matter too.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might feel invisible or unheard for the next week or so; an over-the-top bid for attention may not land the way you want it to, better to chill and wait this out. A new level of commitment could arise in a relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If you're single this may not be an optimal time to meet a great candidate but much will depend on your individual cycles. Put your heart and soul into your work in the world but calibrate your intensity to keep it cool.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) An emphasis on friendship could point toward fun and shenanigans, helping each other network, or providing needed resources. A change to a relationship could turn out to be a great resolution.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A relationship could provide the shelter and inspire you seek or expand your world through study or planning travel or a future adventure. Discussion of any prickly matters will need to be navigated carefully for a positive outcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't let someone who's not even someone to take seriously disturb your vibe. You could be feeling tight financially but help is likely on the way. Smooth things for a partner or let them help you relax and renew.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be the go-to person in your workplace to burnish your reputation and make new allies. A partner or bestie may have something to say worth listening to. Needing to be right never promotes understanding or a healthy relationship.

Sudoku solution

1	6	7	2	3	4	9	8	5	6	8
6	2	9	6	8	5	1	4	7	4	1
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9	1	5	6	8	4	1	1	2	5	3
6	1	5	4	2	7	1	8	9	6	3
4	8	2	1	7	9	5	3	6	7	1
7	3	1	4	2	6	8	9	5	6	1
2	5	8	9	1	1	6	6	4	7	1
4	9	6	8	5	3	7	2	1	5	4

Jumble solution

Dinky Sweet Emergent Common
When it came to teaching his cooking students how to chop, the chef didn't —

Sleuth solution

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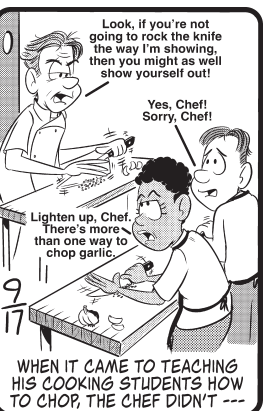
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HUMAN SOUNDS

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R O L J G C W H I S T L I N G
E B Y W G N I R O N S U C R P
N K I G D S E L G R A G C B Z
X V S Q S Z G G C O T N U R G
M G K I E I G N E E C I P G A
Y S N E E Z E I I P U H P N W
U G H I S Q P M N N L G I I L
J W H F Y E C M A Y W U N O X
V U S Q P R N U M K J A G O H
F E H G U O C H C B Z L Y B T

Tuesday's unlisted clue: SLIME

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Booing	Grunt	Humming	Wheeze
Cough	Gulp	Laughing	Whistling
Crying	Hiccapping	Sneeze	Yawning
Gargle	Hissing	Tongue click	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 Egyptian deity
5 Prune
8 Besides that
12 "Scram!"
13 Hot temper
14 Little, at La Scala
15 Like some menial jobs
17 Novelist Hunter
18 Anticipate
19 Chirps
21 River blockers
24 Night school subj.
25 Buddies
28 Sicilian spouter
30 Little rascal
33 Khan title
34 From Athens
35 Service charge
36 Buddhist sect
37 Ogler's look
38 Euro fraction
- 39 "Despicable Me" character
41 Capital of Italia
43 Burning
46 Do penance
50 Rich soil
51 Car buyer's protection
54 Teen's woe
55 "See ya!"
56 Between jobs
57 Auto-graph
58 — Lingus
59 Unpaid TV ads (Abbr.)
- DOWN
1 "La — Bonita"
- 2 Broadway offering
3 Hawk-eyes' home
4 Three-dimensional shapes
5 Actress Tyler
6 Raw mineral
7 Hide
8 Tools for duels
9 Romantic goings-on
10 "Be gone!"
11 Eternities
16 LAX info
20 Feeble
22 Simple
23 Take the wheel
- 25 La —, Bolivia
26 Census stat
27 Chinese virtuoso pianist
29 Octavia's spouse
31 Gents
32 Favorite
34 Morose
38 Tabby's temptation
40 Asian noodles
42 Chairman of China
43 "Sad to say ..."
44 Central points
45 "Prometheus" actor Idris
47 Early auto-maker
48 "The Lion King" lioness
49 Folkloric females
52 Needle hole
53 Sea, to Ravel

Solution time: 23 mins.

5	1	6	7	2	3	4	9	8	5	6	8
6	2	9	6	8	5	1	4	7	4	1	5
8	9	4	7	9	1	2	6	3	5	7	1
9	1	5	6	8	4	1	1	2	5	3	6
6	1	5	4	2	7	1	8	9	6	3	5
4	8	2	1	7	9	5	3	6	7	1	5
7	3	1	4	2	6	8	9	5	6	1	5
2	5	8	9	1	1	6	6	4	7	1	5
4	9	6	8	5	3	7	2	1	5	4	3

HANOVER

FROM **PAGE B2**

and Corwyn Barrows, 39th, 23:18.21.

Thomas More won the women's race with 45 points and Hanover was third with 63.

Results for Hanover were: Callie Swegman, fourth, 20:01.07; Kaylee Kinser, fifth, 20:40.54; Paige Wildman, 12th, 21:32.86; Elyse Watson, 21st, 22:09.35; Adair Dooley,

23rd, 22:19.73; Lauren Todd, 28th, 22:46.42; Jennifer Guevara, 37th, 23:26.04; Lawson Phillips, 54th, 24:50.42; and Izzy Miklozek, 62nd, 27:22.53.

Hanover competes at Olivet Nazarene.

MEN'S SOCCER PLAYS TWO

Hanover men's soccer tied DePauw 2-2 on Saturday and lost 1-0 to Kenyon on Sunday, both at home.

Miles McMillen and Brandon Elizarraras each

scored a goal and Andrew Pavlisko had an assist for Hanover. Rodrigo Gutierrez Olvera Gonzalez had one save in goal.

Against Kenyon, Gonzalez had three saves.

Hanover, now 2-2-2 on the season, travels to Asbury on Wednesday and hosts Wabash on Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS

Hanover women's soccer suffered a 2-0 loss at home to Capital on Sunday.

Goalie Emma Patterson had four saves for the Panthers.

Hanover, now 2-3 on the season, travels to DePauw on Wednesday and heads to Ohio Wesleyan on Friday.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
SS:
COUNTY OF ELKART
IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT NO. 6
CAUSE NO. 20D06-2508-AD-000034
IN RE THE ADOPTION MATTER OF
ALLIE M. CROCKER
A Minor Child
and
**2nd AMENDED
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
FOR ADOPTION**
KASSANDRA RAE CROCKER
Petitioner
**NOTICE: Ashley R. Schlabach,
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On the 28th day of October 2025 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in the Elkhart County Courthouse, located at 1905 Reliance Road, in the City of Goshen, State of Indiana 46526, the Elkhart Superior Court No. 6, Courtroom D, is to hold a hearing on Petitioner's Verified Petition for Adoption. A copy of Petitioner's Verified Petition for Adoption is being filed in this cause of action is attached to this Notice.
At the hearing, the Court will determine whether Petitioner is granted the right to adopt said minor child under Indiana law. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of the biological mother, Ashley R. Schlabach.
The Court may on its own Motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time.
8/27/2025
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IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2508-MI-000841

IN RE THE MATTER OF
THE CHANGE OF NAME OF
KAYLA MAE-BENZ TAYLOR-MOORE

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Please take notice that on the 26th day of August, 2025, Kayla Mae-Benz Taylor-Moore filed her Verified Petition for Change of Name in the above-entitled cause whereby she has petitioned the Jefferson Circuit Court to change the name of Kayla Mae-Benz Taylor-Moore, born June 18, 1999, from Kayla Mae-Benz Taylor-Moore to Kayla May-Benz Moore. A hearing on said petition will be held in the Jefferson Circuit Court, Courthouse, 300 East Main Street, Room 300, Madison, Indiana 47250 on November 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.
Dated this 26th day of August, 2025

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court

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Canaan Community Academy students learn about farm machinery from FFA members (from left) Jeffrey Spicer, Isabella Zuckschwerdt and Lucas Carlock during Ag Day last Thursday at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds. Third grade students from Anderson, Deputy, Lydia Middleton, Rykers Ridge, Southwestern, Pope John and Christian Academy of Madison also participated in the event in which Madison and Southwestern FFA students helped the third graders learn about various aspects of agriculture. Assistance for the event was provided by the Jefferson County Extension Office and Jefferson County Farm Bureau.



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Southwestern FFA member Maggie Joseph (second from right) gives a demonstration about rabbits during Ag Day last Thursday at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds.



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Madison FFA members (from left) Danilyn Christman, Lilly Cline and Hannah Riehart teach third graders about horses during Ag Day last Thursday at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds.

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